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Who Will Get the \$15.00 in Gold

The Second Count in The Messenger's Piano Contest Will Be Held Saturday, May 24, at 2 P. M. Special Prizes Have No Bearing on Who Will Be the Winner at the Final Count.

Interest in The Messenger's popular voting contest is now at fever heat, and the contestants and their friends are hustling for new subscribers and renewals in a manner that is very interesting. They realize that the one who wins the beautiful piano will get a prize worthy of their efforts and they are doing all they can to see that their favorite candidate comes home ahead.

That the capital prize is certainly worth a lot of hustling goes without saying.

You will have to hurry to get your votes in as the second count in this great contest comes off May 24th, the balloting will hold good only until then.

Don't wait. Keep on hustling because, when you are laying off, some one else may be working, and getting the new subscribers that you might have had if you had kept going. Ten dollars in gold to the contestant making the greatest gain since the first count; \$500 in gold to the contestant making the second greatest gain. The ballot box closes at 12 o'clock noon and the count will take place at 2 p.m.

At the same time don't forget the merchant's coupons. Every time you get forty of them you get an extra bonus of \$500. It does not make any difference whether the coupons all come from one merchant or not as long as you bring them in bunches of forty.

It never pays to stop even to get your breath.

Just keep on going. Your friends will see that you are doing your best to win, and will all turn in and help you.

Nothing comes to him who waits and the ones who do the hustling are rewarded in the end.

The second count will be made Saturday evening, May 24, by the judges.

Do not forget the prizes the merchants are giving. If not fortunate enough to secure the piano, you may receive one of the merchant's prizes, and they are well worth working for.

Bear in mind that the ballot box is closed for the second count at 12 o'clock, Saturday, May 24. Be sure and have your votes all in by that time so that you will have a fair chance to show what your standing is.

For the next few days the following bonuses will be given and may be withdrawn at any time. Remember these are positive—the largest bonuses that will be given for these subscriptions during the contest, so get busy and get subscriptions while the bonuses are big and your work will count for the most. Here are the bonuses.

For every seven new subscriptions a bonus of 10,000 extra votes, making a total of 14,200.

For every seven renewal subscriptions a bonus of 8,000 extra votes making a total of 11,500.

For every seven back subscriptions a bonus of 6,000 extra votes making a total of 8,800.

For every 40 Merchant's coupons (12 1-2 vote coupons count as half coupons) brought to this office and counted by the publisher or one of his assistants, 500 extra votes will be given making a total of 1,500. These coupons may be collected from any and all merchants who are in the contest.

Subscriptions turned in for the first count will not count for these bonuses. They will count just the same for the piano at the final count, but these bonuses are good only on subscriptions brought in from now until the offer is withdrawn.

The following is the list of the merchants who give coupons on Cash Purchases. Be sure and tell your friends to ask for coupons.

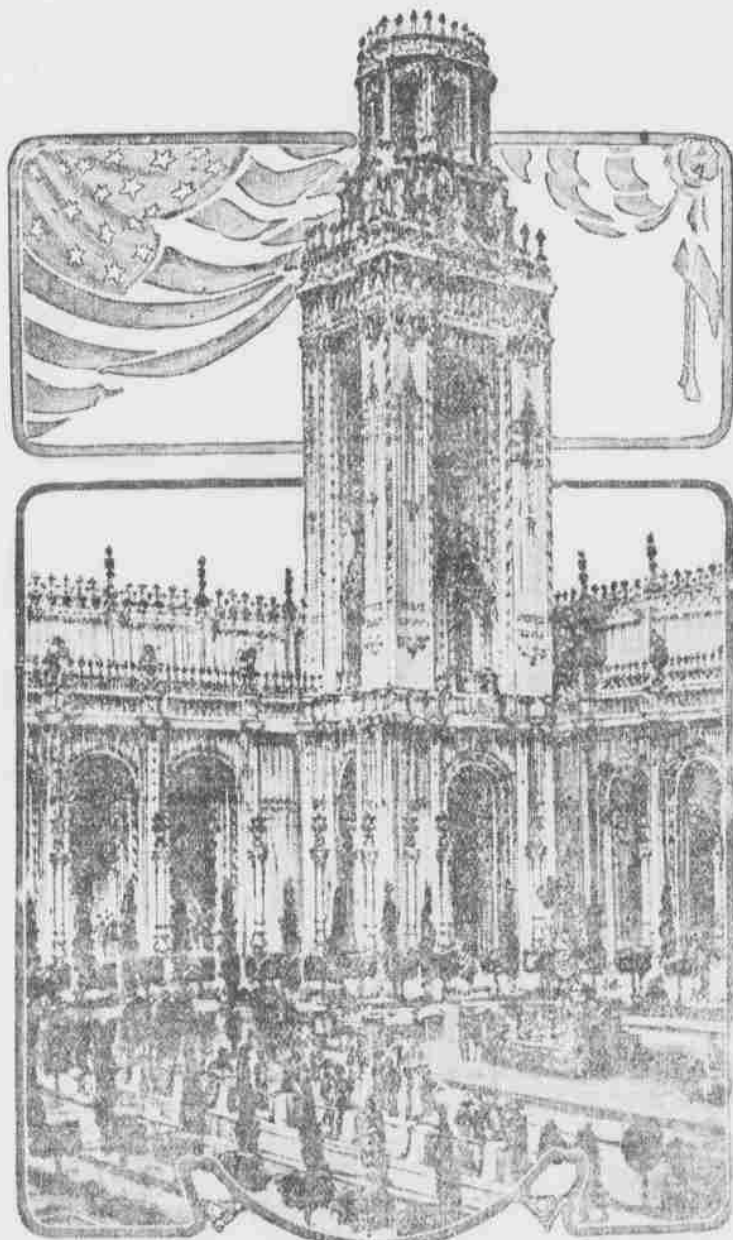
Okolona Hardware Company,
E. S. Elliott,
Bearden & King,
Mrs. R. L. Bransford,
Brewster-Turner 5, 10 & 25c Store,
Droke Jewelry Company,
W. T. Major, the Photographer,
Wm. Wilbur.

ATTENTION VETERANS FOR WEST CAVALRY

The annual meeting of the Forrest Cavalry Corps will be held at room at the Patton Hotel, Chattanooga, at 10 o'clock on the second day of the Confederate Reunion. A new commander is to be elected and such other business as may become necessary. Arrangements for mounted parade. A limited number of U. S. Cavalry horses with equipment have been secured. Call and register and secure badges.

H. A. TYLER,
Lt. Gen. Commanding Forrest Cavalry Corps.

PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.



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A echo tower in the Festive or East Court. At night the East Court, with its pavements of gold, its great banks of flowers, and its lofty palm will be flooded with light. Musical masterpieces of the world will be rendered by the children in the towers. Great saengerfests and choral festival will assemble upon the floors of the court. In the Festive Court, the visitor will behold a vision surpassing the richest dreams of Oriental or Moorish architecture. The floors of this court will be in tessellated pavements of gold. In the center of the court will be great groups of sculpture with faun-dancing nymphs and satyrs. There will be great fountains upon which mag lights will play at night and at night this mystic court, as all others will be flooded by a glow of indirect light which will resemble a bright moonlight. At the south end of the court will be a huge tower 270 feet in height in which will be a great organ with echo organs in smaller towers of the court. The Festive Court will be a court of music, of acting, and symphonic dancing. Here will assemble many of the great pageants of Oriental nations that will take part during the exposition; here too will come many of the procession from the amusement center, which will be designed to draw visitors from the more serious phases of the exposition.

Burkitt Institute McCondry, Mississippi



The Burkitt Institute has just closed another successful year under the leadership of Mr. E. W. Nance, Principal, and Miss Susie Harris, Assistant. This is one of the public schools of Chickasaw County, and is located between McCondry and Treblon, in a good rural community where the people are prosperous and progressive, and are working up to the needs and possibilities of the country school.

The teachers are energetic and alive to their opportunities. During the past session they have put into practice some of the principles of the School Improvement Association's work, as advocated by the State Supervisor, Miss Susie V. Powell.

Briefly stated, here are some of the things that have been done during the five and one-half months term: Deep well bored pump put in; stumps dug and trees topped on the school yard; windows washed, heaters polished;

walls and ceiling cleaned of spider webs and dust; ten dollars worth of pictures added to the walls; twenty dollars worth of books added to the library; two teacher's desks that cost eight dollars each; two teacher's chairs that cost three dollars each; and five dollars made by Mr. Nance and the children picking cotton paid the subscription to several modern magazines for the library. This work was accomplished by co-operative efforts on the part of teachers, pupils, and patrons. Beautifully, health-day, library-day and Mississippi-day were observed, and patrons were glad to assist the teachers in every way possible to make these special days a success and add to the attractiveness and efficiency of the school.

Mr. Nance and Miss Harris are enthusiastic members of the School Improvement Association; and are doing much to demonstrate its practical value. We hope to have every teacher in the county enlisted in this work next session. With every teacher lined up with this great movement, and actuated by a love for children, better schools and better homes, their work will be felt and appreciated in the community, and the people will see the results and demand consolidated schools, where they will be larger, better equipped and have more and better teachers.

Sincerely,
Geo. D. Riley.

CONCRETE WALK RESOLUTION

Resolved by the Council of the city of Okolona that it is necessary to construct concrete side walks in accordance with plans and specifications on file with the City Clerk subject to the inspection of interested property owners, along the following streets of said City, to-wit:

Along the south side of Jefferson Street from Church Street to Center Street.

Along the south side of South Street from Gatlin Street to Fleming Street.

Along the west side of Fleming Street from South Street to Main Street.

Along Main Street on the south side from M. & C. R. R. to Carter Street.

Along the east side of School Street from Washington Street to Old Mill cemetery.

Along the west side of Gatlin Street from Monroe Street to Warren Street.

That unless a majority of the owners of property along said streets file with the City Clerk protest in writing within twenty days of the passage of this resolution, the Council will proceed to order the same constructed.

That said sidewalks shall be constructed at the expense of the property adjacent thereto, and the cost of same assessed against said property.

That this resolution take effect on its passage, and the City Clerk cause same to be published for three weeks in the Okolona Messenger.

Passed this 2nd day of May, 1913
J. S. W. HAWKINS,
Pres. City Council.
J. H. DAVIS,
City Clerk.

CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Court adjourned Monday after a very brief session. The only reason for holding the court over this week was to try the Carter case which was set for Monday. Deeming it unwise to force a trial at this term because of the death of Mrs. Miller wife of Carter's leading attorney, the court continued the case until the next term.

The following state cases were disposed of:

State vs Pat Lusby, Carl Lusby and George Walters, grand larceny, not pros.

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City of Okolona vs Will McClendon, retailing, jury and verdict of guilty, fined \$100.00 and 60 days in jail.

State vs George Sivall, retailing, not pros on account of death of defendant.

State vs J. J. Porter, retailing, not pros, witness left state.

State vs Mose Armstrong, retailing, not pros.

State vs Will McClendon, retailing, ordered to fines.

State vs Garrett Burgess, A & B. K. & P. M., plea of guilty to A. & B. fined \$50.00 and cost.

City of Okolona vs Columbus Gellman, retailing, not pros.

City of Okolona vs Warren Gunn, retailing, not pros.

State vs Ira Seay, C. C. W., plea of guilty, fined \$50.00 and cost.

State vs Aubrey Gregory, C. C. W. plea of guilty, fined \$50.00 and cost.

State vs Aubrey Gregory, pointing pistol, not pros on payment of cost.

State vs Ephraim Evans, retailing, filed.

State vs Max Thornton, plea of guilty to petty larceny, fined \$25.00 and 60 days in jail in two cases.

State vs Edgar Jourman, plea of guilty to petty larceny, fined \$25.00 and 60 days in jail in two cases.

State vs Jim Hinton, burglary and larceny, two cases, sentence to the penitentiary for one year in each case.

State vs Ausu Jourman, plea of guilty to petty larceny, fined \$25.00 and 60 days in jail in two cases.

In addition to the above, thirteen civil cases were tried or settled.

The grand jury, last week made the following report.

To the Honorable H. K. Mahon, judge of this Court:

We, the grand jurors of the Circuit Court for the April, 1913 term beg leave to present this our final report.

We have been in session four days we have summoned 90 witnesses to come before our body and have examined 76 of said number so summoned and appearing; we have returned into court 16 true bills of indictment.

We have examined the county jail at this place by committee and find the same well kept and in a neat sanitary condition.

We have examined by committee the books of the county officers of this district and so far as we were able to ascertain they were properly kept.

One problem that has occupied considerable of our time and attention is the public roads question of the Second District of this county, which includes all of Beat Three and a small portion of Beat Two. We have found the roads in very bad condition, some of them not having been worked for many months and none of them in anything like the proper condition. We summoned supervisors, J. H. Stone of Beat 3 and R. M. Boyd of Beat 2 to appear before us and explain to the grand jury the reason for the present existing condition of these public roads and it appearing from all the information that we were able to obtain that work on these roads is being pushed at present and also giving the faithful promise of the above supervisors to continue this work of putting the roads in the proper condition without delay it was the

consensus of this body to give these officials (there being some mitigating circumstances in their favor) another opportunity, but we recommend and just that the next grand jury will follow this line of inquiry and handle matters in the necessary way to get action. We make the following recommendations and insist that they be complied with.

1st. That the working of our public roads be made a business and not a side line.

2nd. That the contractors be required to do their grading and road work during the spring and summer months so that the general working will be finished before the crops begin to move in the fall of the year in order that the roads will pack in the haying season for the winter months.

3rd. We urgently request that contractors fully comply with the terms of their contracts before the work is received by the Supervisor or any money paid for same.

We desire very much to thank your Honor for the able and exhaustive charge given us which has greatly aided us in the performance of our duties, and for the many other courtesies and kindnesses we have received at your hands.

We also thank our District Attorney, Lon, Rush Knox for his very valuable assistance rendered us during our deliberations.

We appreciate very much the kindness and assistance from the Sheriff, Clerk and other officials who have aided us and we, especially wish to thank our County Attorney H. J. Jaffusby for his untiring efforts to assist us in every way possible.

Now having made all the inquiries and transacted all the business that we are advised it is our duty to do, we hereby submit this as our final report and ask that the same be accepted and that we be finally discharged.

Very respectfully submitted,
T. J. LYLES,
Foreman.

SOMETHING MISSISSIPPI NEEDS.

We are so primitive and backward in this state in enacting progressive legislation safeguarding the people's interests, it is well to call attention to the experience of some other states in correcting evils and abuses which have grown up with little thought or attention from the people. Take the state of Wisconsin for example, which through LaFollette's influence, perhaps leads all other states in remedying systems and evils from which the people suffer. The first year that the bureau of weights and measures operated in that state it found the following: Scales 639 correct, 204 condemned for being incorrect and 167 corrected; weights, 82.4 of the same were found correct, 10.4 were condemned and 7.2 were corrected; measuring pumps, 48.7 were correct 48.8 were corrected and 12.6 were condemned; liquid measures 75 per cent were correct and 25 per cent were condemned; of the dry measures, only 31.9 were correct and the enormous sum of 68.1 were condemned; of linear measures, the per cent of correctness was even smaller only 29 per cent being correct and 70.8 being condemned. Wisconsin's experience suggests that a bureau of weights and measures, with provisions for its enforcement, would be well to have in every state.—Columbus Dispatch.

First Mail Coach in 1784.

A theater owner was responsible for the first mail coach in 1784. John Palmer, Bath, England, saw that it took four days to get his actors from London. He went to the government authorities and persuaded them to start a number of coaches to carry the mails, and that these coaches should be built for speed and drawn by the fastest animals in England. In a little while a revolution was worked,